

Sinclair Broadcast Group's recent decision to force many of its affiliate stations to preempt regular programming and air the anti-Kerry film, "Stolen Honor" on the eve of our country's national election is an exemplification of the unfair use of power. The fact that Sinclair's stock has taken a nose-dive as a result of the decision offers some solace, but not enough.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.